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2018 MID-YEAR REVIEW &  
**RESCUE  
REPORT**



# DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

This year Teton County Search and Rescue is celebrating 25 years of service to the Jackson Hole community. Thanks to your unwavering support, we have a team of 36 highly-trained, well-equipped and committed volunteers who can perform rescues in the most challenging terrain and conditions.

This achievement also would not have been possible without great leadership. We give heartfelt thanks to Tim Ciocarlan for his capable and inspired leadership as Chief Advisor for the past 25 years. Tim – you leave a lasting legacy of vision, bravery and determination that will guide our team into the future.

Community members often generously ask how they can support TCSAR. Here are a few ways you can help:

- When you head out for an adventure, always tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Improve your skills. Attend one of the SAR Foundation's educational classes or workshops.
- Remember that there will always be another day to achieve your adventure goals. Be willing to turn around.
- Contribute to the SAR Foundation to support the team through equipment purchases, advanced training opportunities and community education and advocacy.

In the past six months the volunteers of Teton County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue have responded to 42 callouts, all of which are summarized in this report. We hope you read about these rescues and choose not pass judgment, but instead learn from the mistakes of others. Accidents happen, never hesitate to call our team for help.

We thank you for your support and wish you many safe and exhilarating backcountry adventures.

Cody Lockhart, *Chief Advisor, Search and Rescue*  
Missy Falcey, *Chair, Search and Rescue Foundation*

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**DECEMBER 1, 2017 – MAY 31, 2018**

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**4,702 HOURS**

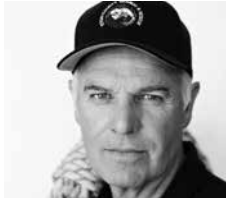
**ON SAR RELATED ACTIVITIES**

**RESCUES = 1,757 HOURS**  
**TRAINING = 2,615 HOURS**  
**COMMUNITY EVENTS = 330 HOURS**

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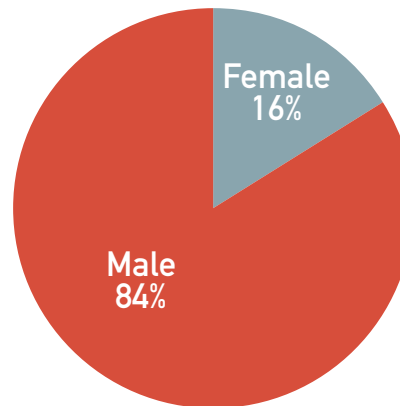
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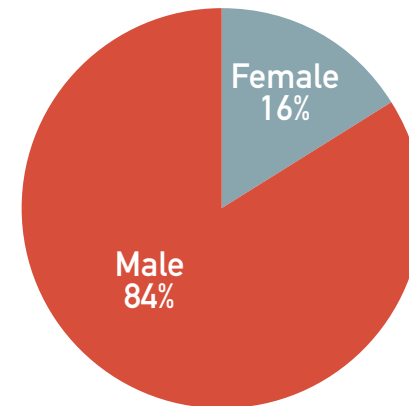


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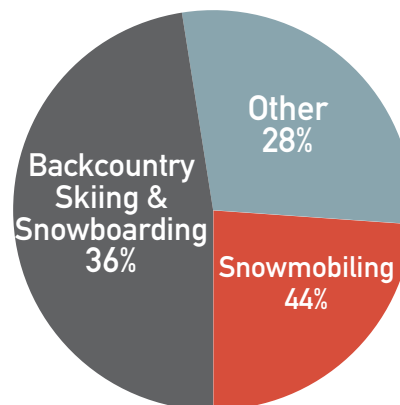


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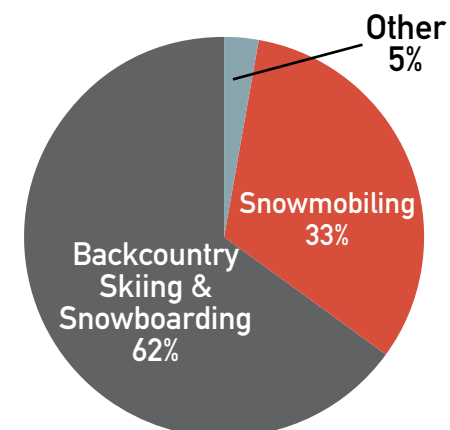


## INCIDENTS BY ACTIVITY

WINTER 2017/18



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# WINTER 2017/18 RESCUE REVIEW

## » DECEMBER

**RESCUE** Overdue Snowshoer on Mt. Glory  
**DATE** 12/3/2017  
**TIME** 4:48 PM  
**DURATION** 1 hour 47 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 39

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR Board of Advisors (BOA) received a call for an overdue snowshoer on Teton Pass. The reporting party (RP) stated that he and his girlfriend had hiked the boot pack up Mt. Glory. The plan was for him to ski down and his girlfriend to snowshoe down the boot pack, and he would meet up with her. The BOA elected to send a couple teams up the Glory boot pack to look for the overdue snowshoer. Teams were en route to Teton Pass when the overdue person showed up. The girlfriend was interviewed and she stated that she got off trail immediately and ended up sliding and snowshoeing down Glory Bowl proper. She had ski pants, jackets, gloves and a hat; no other gear and did not have a headlamp. Both parties' cell phones were dead.

**RESCUE** Togwotee Pass Broken Leg  
**DATE** 12/7/2017  
**TIME** 1:18 PM  
**DURATION** 3 hours 42 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 12

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a call from TCSO dispatch regarding a 38-year-old male snowmobiler with a lower leg injury. The decision was made to page the team to the hangar. A snowmobile team was put together and prepared to leave. When the call came in the reporting party placed the patient close to the road so teams were on standby until coordinates were confirmed. Once IC received updated coordinates it was decided to send the helicopter. Both teams left the hangar at the same time. IC called dispatch to request Medic 1 from the park. Both teams were in the field at 2:30pm and the patient was later transferred to an ambulance.

**RESCUE** Missing Snowboarder in Grand Targhee  
**DATE** 12/20/2017  
**TIME** 5:17pm  
**DURATION** 4 hours 43 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 19

**WHAT HAPPENED?** At 5:26pm SAR BOA received a page that GTSP was requesting assistance in a search in South Leigh Creek area for overdue boarder, 39-year-old male, unfamiliar with area. The team was paged to the hangar for a search. The plan was prepared for three hasty teams with snowmobiles, and team members from Driggs and Victor to respond directly. Teams went into field, while IC remained at hangar. GTSP located the boarder and guided him out. TCSAR aided GTSP with transport to EMS. EMS took over with boarder for assessment.

**RESCUE** Injured Snowmobiler on Togwotee Pass  
**DATE** 12/22/2017  
**TIME** 11:46am  
**DURATION** 9 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 6

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a call for a snowmobile crash on Togwotee pass, near the continental divide. Board of Advisors held a conference call and determined to page the team to hangar for snowmobile rescue. Dispatch received a call back from reporting party saying they were self-transporting. Team was paged to stand down.

**RESCUE** Knee Injury Rock Springs  
**DATE** 12/22/2017  
**TIME** 11:46am  
**DURATION** 2 hours 24 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a page that JHMR ski patrol was heading into Rock Springs to rescue a skier with a knee injury. No assistance was requested. At about 2:15pm the Board received a follow-up page that ski patrol was back in bounds with the patient.

**RESCUE** Lost Snowmobilers Togwotee Pass  
**DATE** 12/26/2017  
**TIME** 10:07am  
**DURATION** 6 hours 53 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 18

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a call regarding 2 lost snowmobilers who had been stranded for 24 hours due to a snowmobile stuck in the snow. Team was paged for a snowmobile rescue. At 10:45am 2 snowmobile teams were en route; at 11:08am the helicopter left the hangar, and lost persons were spotted by the helicopter team at approximately 11:20am. Lost persons were picked up by the helicopter and transported back to the TCSAR hangar.

**RESCUE** Missing Snowmobilers near Angle Mountain  
**DATE** 12/26/2017  
**TIME** 6:50pm  
**DURATION** 3 hours 17 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 14

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a call at 6:51pm for adults who were lost/stuck on Togwotee Pass during a snowmobile trip. Group in field tried to call into 911 multiple times with very limited communications, so they said they were going to try and start a fire and wait for help. Lost persons were males, 23-28-years-old experienced snowmobilers. Team was paged to the hangar at 7:05pm, and 3 teams were dispatched into the field. According to a deputy, the party made it to the road, so teams 1 and 2 are headed towards the reporting party for confirmation. At 9:03pm all 4 people are accounted for with no medical issues.

## » JANUARY

**RESCUE** Overdue Snowmobilers near Togwotee  
**DATE** 1/11/2018  
**TIME** 10:18pm  
**DURATION** 2 hours 12 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 4

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a page for two overdue snowmobilers that were last seen approximately 4 miles southeast of Togwotee Lodge around 4:00pm. The Board held a conference call to discuss and make a plan. A little over 2 hours later, the Board received a second page that the overdue snowmobilers made it back, are safe, and okay. The incident was stood down.

**RESCUE** Head Injury Rock Springs  
**DATE** 1/23/2018  
**TIME** 4:21 PM  
**DURATION** 44 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received an informational page that JHMR Ski Patrol was in the Rock Springs area, trying to get a female out with a head injury. They did not request assistance but would update as needed. Ski Patrol was unable to locate the skier, and they think the person may have made it out on her own. The incident was stood down.

**RESCUE** Four Pines Shoulder Injury  
**DATE** 1/26/2018  
**TIME** 1:16 PM  
**DURATION** 1 hours 19 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** At about 1:16pm SAR BOA received an informational page that JHMR ski patrol was responding to a shoulder injury in the Four Pines Saddle area. No assistance was requested. Around 2:35pm the Board received a second page that ski patrol was back in bounds with the patient and the rescue was complete.

**RESCUE** Tip Top SAR: Kerr Creek Search  
**DATE** 1/28/2018  
**TIME** 6:21am  
**DURATION** 4 hours 9 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 15

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a call requesting assistance from Sublette Co. SAR for help in locating 3 overdue snowmobilers in Kerr Creek. SCSAR team had been attempting to gain access to the lost parties' PLB location all night without any success due to downed timber and multiple creek crossings. They requested ground teams to respond and the helicopter to be placed on standby. Team was paged and responded to hangar for assignments. IC and Safety determined the best course of action was to have a snowmobile team transport a fast moving ski team up Cliff Creek to the confluence of Cliff and Kerr Creeks. Additionally another sled team would try and gain access via snowmobile if possible. Short haul team was readying short and long line equipment in the event of short haul request. Before TCSAR dispatched into the field, SCSAR reported they had located and rescued the party.

**RESCUE** Rock Springs Shoulder Injury  
**DATE** 1/28/2018  
**TIME** 1:19pm  
**DURATION** 1 hour 2 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** At about 1:18pm SAR BOA received an informational page that JHMR ski patrol was responding to a shoulder injury in Rock Springs. No assistance was needed. At about 2:20pm the Board received a second page the ski patrol was back in bounds with the patient and the rescue was complete.

**RESCUE** Overdue Snowmobilers Darby Canyon  
**DATE** 1/30/2018  
**TIME** 7:51pm  
**DURATION** 44 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 10

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a call from reporting party that 4 snowmobilers (2 male, 1 female, 1 baby) were overdue from a snowmobile trip. Missing party had called in and indicated that they were lost. No medical issues, just stranded. BOA decided to page team to hangar for snowmobile rescue due to location and baby. At about 8:30pm the rest of the party made it out on their own.

## >> FEBRUARY

**RESCUE** Snowmobiler with Broken Arm  
**DATE** 2/2/2018  
**TIME** 10:30am  
**DURATION** 13 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 8

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a call about a snowmobiler with a broken arm in the Two Ocean area. Dispatch informed the BOA that the RP had seen the accident and rode out to call for help. Once he got through to 911, the RP went back in to see if he could help the patient ride out to the road. The Board made the decision to page the team to the hangar. As the plan was being formed the team received a stand down page stating that all subjects will ride out and self-transport to the emergency department.

**RESCUE** Overdue Snowmobiler, Togwotee Pass  
**DATE** 2/2/2018  
**TIME** 5:35pm

**DURATION** 33 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 17

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a page at 5:35pm for an overdue/separated snowmobiler from a party of 5, and the RP called in from Togwotee Mtn. Lodge. The missing person had a map, cell phone, small pack with water, unknown food, clothing or fire, and it was their first time in the area. BOA decided to page team to hangar for snowmobile search and rescue. After the team was paged, team arrived at hangar, and had begun to mobilize, the RP called in and advised that the MP had arrived at Brooks Lake Lodge and was okay. Team was stood down.

**RESCUE** Horse Creek Avalanche Sublette County  
**DATE** 2/7/2018  
**TIME** 4:13pm  
**DURATION** 7 hours 17 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 29

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSAR assisted Sublette Co. SAR with an avalanche rescue in Horse Creek. The TCSAR helicopter was used.

**RESCUE** Squaw Basin Snowmobile Rescue  
**DATE** 2/9/2018  
**TIME** 12:08pm  
**DURATION** 4 hours 52 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 21

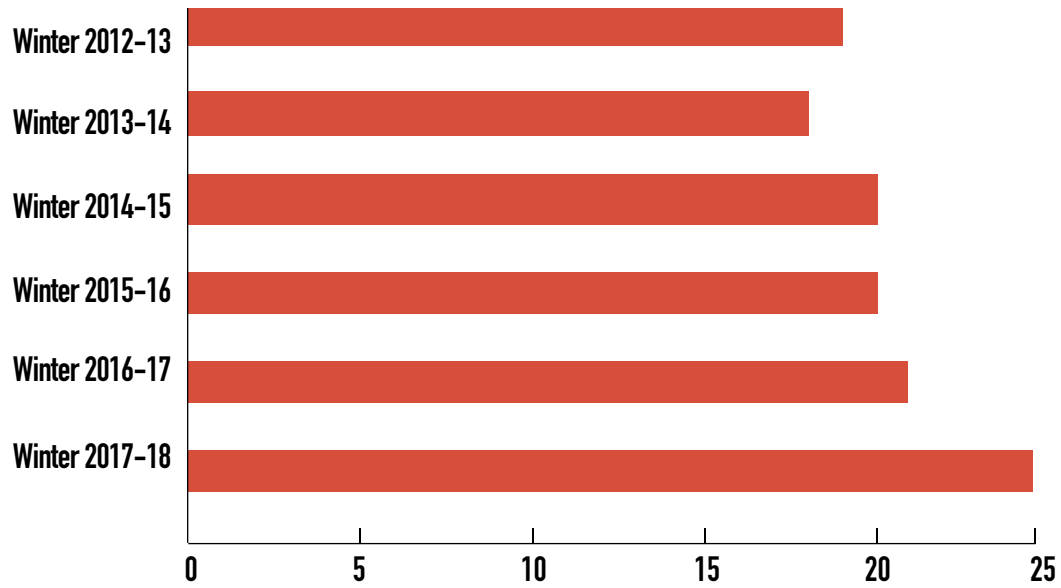
**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA was paged for an avalanche with 3 snowmobilers near Togwotee Mountain Lodge. Two injured: 1 critical and 1 with leg injury. The board paged the SAR team for a helicopter/snowmobile rescue. Due to low clouds over the mountain, HEMS was unable to fly into the valley to assist. The SAR helicopter attempted to access the scene, but poor weather forced the helicopter to land at TML. TCSAR, BTNF and TML snowmobile guides worked together to transport the critical patient via snowmobile toboggan to a medic. The second patient was then transported by SAR to the parking lot.

**RESCUE** Clifed-Out Snowboarder in Rock Springs  
**DATE** 2/13/2018  
**TIME** 1:44pm  
**DURATION** 1 hours 52 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

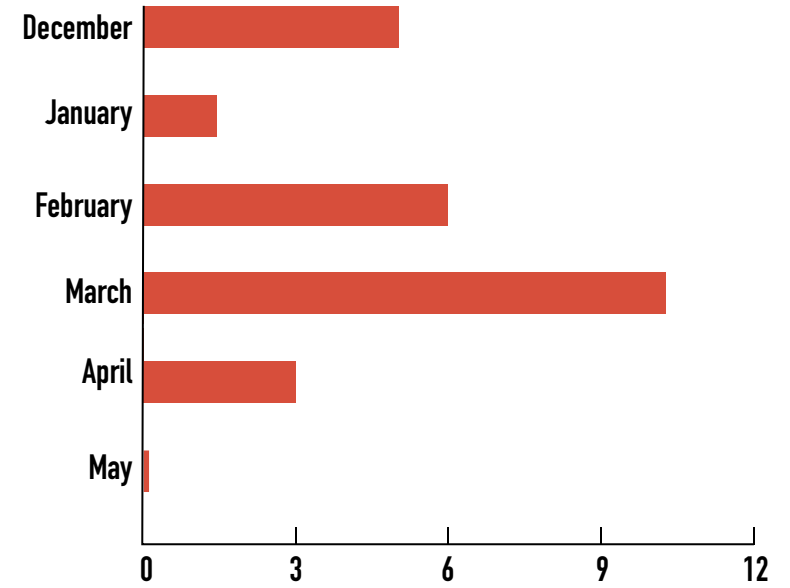
**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received an informational page the JHMR ski patrol were responding to an uninjured snowboarder in Rock Springs who was stuck up Cody Ridge on the rocks. Shortly later the Board received a second page that ski patrol were back in bounds with the snowboarder.



# ACTIVE SAR INCIDENTS PER WINTER



# INCIDENTS BY MONTH 2017/2018





# SEARCH AND RESCUE LOCATIONS – DECEMBER 1, 2017 – MAY 31, 2018





**RESCUE** South Teton Search  
**DATE** 2/13/2018  
**TIME** 3:48pm  
**DURATION** 2 hours 12 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 16

**WHAT HAPPENED?** A request came in from Grand Teton National Park for TCSAR short haul team and helicopter to help locate possible incident on South Teton. The 911 call was made and lost around 3:06pm, and Dispatch was unable to reach party's cell phone upon call back. Helicopter searched, until phone contact was re-established with RP (once they returned to Taggart) and they had only spotted a ski and pole while they were out touring but couldn't find anyone. They called to inform Search and Rescue.

**RESCUE** Avy Recovery Rock Springs  
**DATE** 2/17/2018  
**TIME** 11:27am  
**DURATION** 1 hours 35 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 30

**WHAT HAPPENED?** At about 11:27am the SAR BOA team received a page to meet at the hangar for an avalanche with known victims off Rendezvous Peak in Teton Village. At the time, most of the team was training at Grand Targhee Resort. The Board held a conference call to discuss. Dispatch did not have much information at the time, but JHMR ski patrol was responding to the scene. Three team members who were in town responded to hangar to form a plan. Around 11:34am the team received another page to stand down because ski patrol was handling the situation and didn't need assistance. The Board received a final page at 1:02pm that ski patrol was back in bounds and the incident was complete.

**RESCUE** Search in Rock Springs  
**DATE** 2/18/2018  
**TIME** 1:05am  
**DURATION** 12 hours 23 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received an informational page that JHMR ski patrol was responding to a rescue in Rock Springs. The Board then received a second page that ski patrol searched and did not find anyone in need of help. The incident was stood down.

**RESCUE** Injured Climber, The Reef near Teton Pass  
**DATE** 2/20/2018  
**TIME** 4:25pm  
**DURATION** 3 hours 5 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 25

**WHAT HAPPENED?** A 31-year-old male climber called himself in after falling over 100 feet with a leg and hip injury. The Board paged out the team, assembled a snowmobile team for ground support, a short haul team for patient extraction, and a helicopter team that was dropped off for patient care. The short haul team picked up the patient around 5:50pm, and flew the patient to the awaiting ambulance on Teton Pass.

**RESCUE** Lower Leg Injury Rock Springs  
**DATE** 2/23/2018  
**TIME** 10:34am  
**DURATION** 12 hours 43 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received an informational page that JHMR ski patrol was responding to a lower leg injury in Rock Springs. At about 11:17am the Board received a second page that ski patrol and the patient were back in-bounds. The mission was complete.

**RESCUE** Pelvic Injury Rock Springs  
**DATE** 2/26/2018  
**TIME** 2:12pm  
**DURATION** 47 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received an informational page that JHMR ski patrol was responding to a pelvic leg injury in Rock Springs. At about 2:59pm the Board received a second page that ski patrol and the patient were back in-bounds. The mission was complete.

**RESCUE** Knee Injury Four Pines  
**DATE** 2/27/2018  
**TIME** 12:14pm  
**DURATION** 1 hour 15 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received an informational page that JHMR ski patrol was responding to a knee injury in Four Pines. At about 13:29 the Board received a second page that ski patrol and the patient were back in-bounds. The mission was complete.

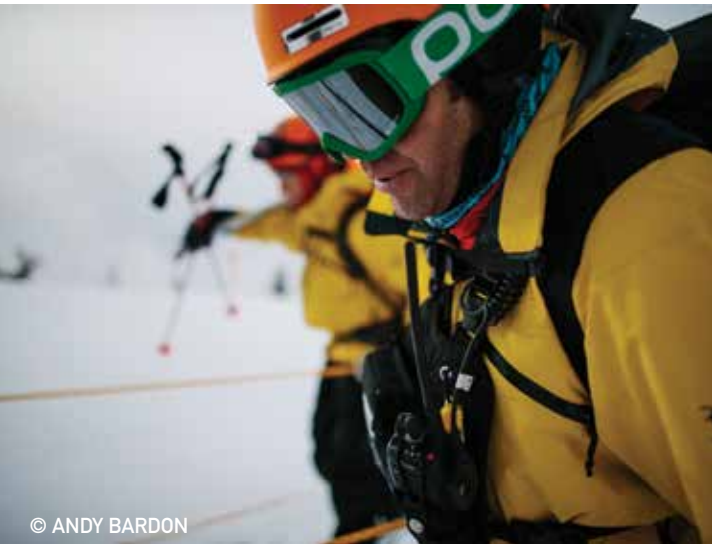
## » MARCH

**RESCUE** Snow Biker Seizure near Cache Creek  
**DATE** 3/4/2018  
**TIME** 6:42pm  
**DURATION** 1 hour 48 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 29

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA sent out a team page about a 42-year-old male who had a seizure up Cache Creek. Hasty teams on snowmobiles en route to patient, Medic en route to trailhead, patient transported out of field and on his way to SJMC around 7:51pm.

**RESCUE** Taylor Mountain Avalanche  
**DATE** 3/6/2018  
**TIME** 12:19pm  
**DURATION** 4 hours 21 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 19

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a page of a 48-year-old male caught in an avalanche on the next ridge/gully to the West of Taylor Mountain. Patient has a significant leg injury, is unable to ski/board out, and has built a makeshift splint with a nurse and two others on scene. They're located at approximately 9,300 feet in a steep avalanche path below the starting zone of the avalanche with known hangfire above. Board paged the team to hangar for avalanche rescue. Plan was to use short haul team as primary transport as weather was clear; second team was sent as a ski team. The patient was packaged and transported to the landing zone to waiting team members and was transferred to the ambulance.



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**RESCUE** No Name Canyon Avalanche  
**DATE** 3/6/2018  
**TIME** 2:15 PM  
**DURATION** 2 hours 45 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 19

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a page that a slide on No Name Peak was reported. Plan was for the helicopter to flyover to look for potential victims. Helicopter team headed out to assist with slide. Flew to No Name and Jensen canyons, searched and circled area for 15 minutes looking for any clues, beacon searching by skiers in area, digging by skiers in area. Two slides on No Name Peak with no victims identified. At 2:46pm Mountain Station confirmed everyone is safe and turned the helicopter around.

**RESCUE** Breakneck Stuck Skier, Stand Down  
**DATE** 3/18/2018  
**TIME** 6:31pm  
**DURATION** 7 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 6

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a call for a missing female skier at JHMR. The reporting party said he had not heard from his girlfriend since 3:15pm. She was last seen going up the tram, and had backcountry gear. Seven minutes later RP called dispatch and reported that his girlfriend was located. BOA sent a stand down page.

**RESCUE** Lower Leg Injury in Son of Apocalypse Couloir  
**DATE** 3/19/2018  
**TIME** 1:09pm  
**DURATION** 51 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 13

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a page regarding a request from Grand Teton National Park to use to SAR helicopter to rescue a female with a broken ankle near the bottom of Apocalypse Couloir after she was caught in an avalanche; she was not buried. The short haul team was paged to the hangar to assist with the GTNP rescue, and a snowmobile team was organized as a back-up plan to the helicopter mission. At about 2:16pm the helicopter departed the hangar, and did a recon flight and saw the group on top of a debris pile at the base of Son of Apocalypse Couloir. The group looked stable and in a relatively safe location. Due to the remote location, cold weather, and time needed to access the patient via ground-based rescue, the team decided to use short haul. Once the helicopter was rigged, the short haul crew flew to the scene, and transferred the patient to a waiting ambulance.

**RESCUE** Snowmobile Crash Turpin Meadows Ranch  
**DATE** 3/20/2018  
**TIME** 11:07am  
**DURATION** 2 hours 53 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 21

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a page regarding a snowmobile crash about 2 miles from Turpin Meadows Ranch. There were two patients: a 40-year-old female with a head injury and a 20-year-old male going in and out of consciousness. The Board decided to page the team. The plan was to send a helicopter team to transport the patient with a head injury to an ambulance or HEMS at Turpin Meadows Ranch. The helicopter or snowmobile teams would then transport the second patient to another ambulance at Turpin Meadows. The SAR helicopter team transported the more critical patient directly to SJMC. The 2nd patient was transported by Togwotee guides to an ambulance at the parking lot.

**RESCUE** Snowshoe Bowl Injured Snowboarder  
**DATE** 3/21/2018  
**TIME** 7:42am  
**DURATION** 3 hours 58 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 24

**WHAT HAPPENED?** At about 7:42am the SAR BOA received a page regarding a solo snowboarder who was injured while snowboarding Snowshoe Bowl on Mt Glory. Dispatch reported that the subject was injured but stable. He could not get himself out and needed help from SAR. The Board decided to page the SAR team to the hangar for a rescue on Glory. The plan was to send a ski team to the summit of Glory to access the rescue cache and use a toboggan to transport the patient to the road; the secondary plan was to send a snowmobile team up from the road with the snowmobile toboggan. Due to low clouds and heavy snow, the helicopter could not fly. At about 10:10am the ski team arrived on scene with the patient. They packaged the patient in the toboggan and skied the patient down to the road, and around 10:52am they transferred the patient to the ambulance.

**RESCUE** Chest Pain Teton Canyon  
**DATE** 3/21/2018  
**TIME** 1:00pm  
**DURATION** 4 hours  
**ATTENDEES** 19

**WHAT HAPPENED?** At about 1:03pm the SAR BOA received a page regarding a 70-year-old male experiencing a possible heart attack near the Teton Canyon trailhead. Teton County, Idaho had already dispatched an ambulance. In addition, Air Idaho HEMS was already responding. The Board decided to page the team. The patient was located about 3 miles up the main road, and was reported as feeling “ok” at about 1:30pm. The ambulance from Driggs had arrived at the trailhead and two paramedics were walking in on foot. At about 1:35pm Air Idaho had landed on scene and was with the patient, 1:53pm, IC dispatched a snowmobile team to the Teton Canyon trailhead. The rest of the team stood by at the hangar, and at 2:03pm Air Idaho lifted from the scene with the patient. IC requested that all SAR units turn around and come back to the hangar.

**RESCUE** Avalanche Drew's Slide  
**DATE** 3/23/2018  
**TIME** 12:14pm  
**DURATION** 24 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 20

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR team received a page to respond to the hangar for an avalanche near Four Pines with a known burial. IC called ski patrol to get more information. There were witnesses who saw an orange airbag deploy in Drew's Slide



(not Four Pines). At about 12:18pm ski patrol informed IC that the call was a false alarm. The skier had deployed his airbag, but was not buried or injured. The incident was stood down and all SAR members were sent home at about 12:38pm.

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**RESCUE** Stuck Skier in Central Couloir  
**DATE** 3/26/2018  
**TIME** 3:37pm  
**DURATION** 1 hour 23 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 10

**WHAT HAPPENED?** The team was paged out for a stuck skier in Central Couloir Cody Bowl around 3:44pm. A helicopter/ski/rigging team was put together. About 1 hour later, the team received a stand down page because the skier had skied down and was ok.

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**RESCUE** Injured Skier Cody Bowl  
**DATE** 3/27/2018  
**TIME** 10:18am  
**DURATION** 2 hours 42 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 15

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR team paged out to assist JHMR Ski Patrol with a 30-year-old male who fell through a cornice on Pucker Face, Cody Peak. The patient was packaged and short hauled to the awaiting ambulance in Ranch lot, and then transferred to Air Idaho Life Flight and transported to EIRMC in Idaho Falls.

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## » APRIL

**RESCUE** Pinnacle Snowmobile Rescue  
**DATE** 4/5/2018  
**TIME** 3:55pm  
**DURATION** 7 hours 5 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 22

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA was paged for a male 33-year-old injured snowmobiler in Darby Canyon and the team was called for a snowmobile rescue. At 4:53pm there was a snowmobile team en route, along with a helicopter team around 5:00pm. The helicopter returned to the hangar due to declining weather. Around 7:14pm the patient was being transported and around 8:30pm the patient was transferred to the awaiting ambulance.

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**RESCUE** Hoback Road Body Recovery  
**DATE** 4/13/2018  
**TIME** 2:55pm

**DURATION** 2 hours 55 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 16

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA was paged for a cardiac arrest and possible body recovery in the Hoback area. The the team was paged around 3:04pm for a snowmobile rescue to assist law enforcement and Fire/EMS. Team left the hangar with 3 snowmobiles and a toboggan to meet up with the coroner and a law enforcement officer who were unable to access and transport patient without assistance from SAR and snowmobiles. The snowmobile team aided JH Fire/EMS and TCSO with recovery of the patient, and then returned to initial entry point on the Hoback road.

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**RESCUE** Mt. Leidy Avalanche  
**DATE** 4/22/2018  
**TIME** 4:11pm  
**DURATION** 5 hours 49 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 19

**WHAT HAPPENED?** A call to dispatch came in that an avalanche had occurred at 3:40pm off of Mt. Leidy on Togwotee Pass. There were 3 riders with 1 buried; the snowmobile was located but the victim was not found. No transceiver or probe, only shovels on scene. Reporting party rode out to get cell service and to call for help. The SAR plan included a helicopter hasty team, a snowmobile ground team, and 2 dog teams. Helicopter team was placed in the field at 5:06pm, approximately 1/4 mile from the scene of the avalanche. Teams transferred non-injured patient out of the field. The buried victim was found by probe line at 6:07pm and dug out within about 30 minutes. It was determined the patient was deceased. Due to the very remote location, the SAR team evacuated the deceased patient via helicopter.

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**RESCUE** Possible Overdue Snowmobilers  
**DATE** 5/26/2018  
**TIME** 11:19pm  
**DURATION** 6 hours 36 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 6

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a Board page in reference to two possible overdue snowmobilers; one approximately 30-years-old and one approximately 10-years-old. The Board discussed the nature of the call, the lack of information and

lack of any reports of missing or overdue snowmobilers. The Board agreed not to page the team and requested a 6:00am Board page for an update from TCSO dispatch. At 5:55am the Board was paged and advised that the spouse of the adult male had contacted TCSO and confirmed the subjects were on an overnight camping trip.



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**RESCUE** Vehicle Over Road Edge  
**DATE** 5/26/2018  
**TIME** 4:36pm  
**DURATION** 24 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 7

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR BOA received a report of a vehicle over the edge on Gros Ventre River Road near Slide Lake. Dispatch reported that they had conflicting calls coming in with some reporting trapped passengers and some stating that everyone was out and ok. Fire/EMS and a Sheriff's deputy were also dispatched and en route. Sheriff asked that SAR standby in case they were needed. Ten minutes later dispatch paged the team that there were only two patients with minor injuries, they had enough resources on scene, and did not need assistance from SAR.



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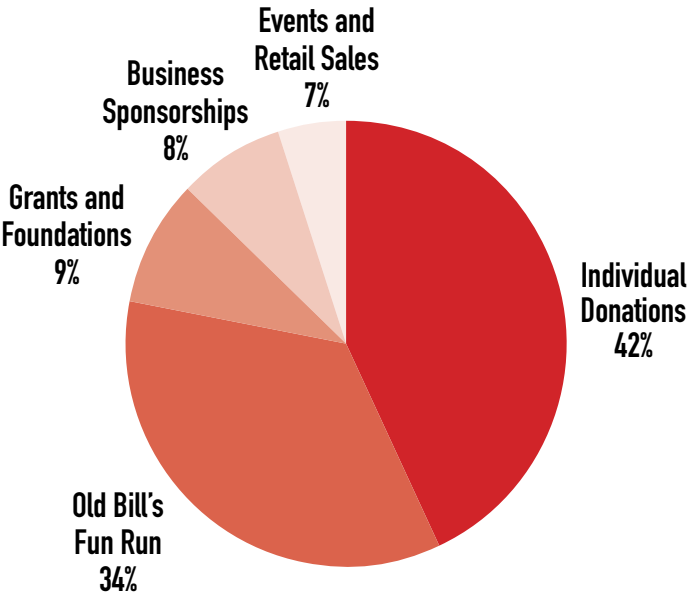
- 1: Increase our helicopter contract from 6 to 7 months covering critical spring months in the Teton.
- 2: Create a universal short haul team between GTNP and TCSAR for more complete coverage throughout Teton County.
- 3: Train with other agencies (including JHMR, Togwotee Mountain Lodge and Grand Targhee Resort) to ensure on-ground resources are trained effectively to operate around and near the helicopter during a rescue. This creates more efficient and safer rescues for patients and rescuers.
- 4: Increase the complexity of training to match the challenges of rescues. With increased fundraising we now can train where rescues actually occur, creating confidence in difficult terrain during stressful rescues.
- 5: Fully train 11 volunteers (with an additional 5 ground crew members) to be certified short haulers for our most tactically challenging rescues.

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# 2018/19 WISH LIST

## Advanced Snowmobile Training \$10,000

Snowmobile rescues can expose our volunteers to high risk terrain using powerful machinery. Select members of the TCSAR team will have the opportunity to learn new techniques and spend additional time training in remote and extreme terrain.

## Training Scholarships - \$7,500

Every volunteer in good standing is eligible to apply for funding to support their personal growth in the SAR world. Conference fees, additional trainings, and advanced opportunities are often something SAR volunteers need financial support for to continue their education.

## SAR Volunteer Leadership Training \$25,000

The volunteer SAR advisors are often the leaders on missions and decision making efforts for the team. This leadership has additional time commitments, training requirements, and responsibility that the TCSAR Foundation is committed to supporting.

## First Responder Mental Health Initiative \$5,000

Last year we began a mental health initiative to provide better and more efficient services for our team. We have partnered with first responders throughout the valley to make this initiative a priority for the next year with trainings, peer support groups, and other services.

## Volunteer Recognition - \$10,000

Every year we recognize our volunteers for the service they give to our community. From gear stipends to family BBQs, we try our best to show our volunteers and their families how much we appreciate the sacrifices they make.

## Backcountry Safety Equipment - \$47,000

Every year we need to upgrade and replace portions of the backcountry safety equipment our volunteers need to safely train and provide rescue services. From beacons to harnesses, carabiners to helmets, keeping our volunteers safe is one of our primary objectives.

## Advanced Life Support Volunteer Training \$4,000

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# INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK WINTER 2017/2018



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